

**Fall 2023 - First Term Survey Results
Transfer Students**

February 1, 2024

Prepared by: **Sara Dhoot**
DASA Assessment

Survey Overview

The First Term Survey was administered to all new transfer students at NC State University from October 4 through October 27, 2023. This is the fifteenth year that the survey has been administered to new transfer students. The survey was distributed to 1,442 new transfer students and 354 unique respondents recorded survey observations, resulting in a 24.5% response rate.

A total of 59.0% of survey respondents were female and 40.9% were male, compared to 44.3% and 55.6% in the total survey population, respectively. Differences between survey respondents and the survey population in terms of race/ethnicity and college percentages were all less than 4%. See the tables below for specifics.

The First Term Survey is administered by the DASA Assessment office. Questions about the instruments or results may be directed to dasa-assessment@ncsu.edu.

Table 1: Gender Demographics - Fall 2023				
	Survey Respondent		Survey Population	
Gender	N	%	N	%
Female	209	59.0%	639	44.3%
Male	145	40.9%	803	55.6%
Total	354	100.0%	1442	100.0%
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.				

Table 2: Race/Ethnicity Demographics - Fall 2023				
	Survey Respondent		Survey Population	
Race Ethnicity	N	%	N	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	7	0.4%
Asian	38	10.7%	130	9.0%
Black, non-Hispanic	15	4.2%	69	4.7%
Hispanic	45	12.7%	153	10.6%
Two or More Races	17	4.8%	85	5.8%
U.S. Nonresident	12	3.3%	48	3.3%
Race/Ethnicity Unknown	4	1.1%	19	1.3%
White, non-Hispanic	223	62.9%	931	64.5%
Total	354	100.0%	1442	100.0%
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.				

Table 3: College Demographics - Fall 2023				
College	Survey Respondent		Survey Population	
	N	%	N	%
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	34	9.6%	164	11.3%
College of Design	9	2.5%	38	2.6%
College of Education	9	2.5%	36	2.4%
College of Engineering	73	20.6%	309	21.4%
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	106	29.9%	405	28.0%
College of Natural Resources	28	7.9%	108	7.4%
College of Sciences	46	12.9%	142	9.8%
Poole College of Management	46	12.9%	227	15.7%
Wilson College of Textiles	3	0.8%	13	0.9%
Total	354	100.0%	1442	100.0%
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.				

Table 4: First Generation Status Demographics - Fall 2023				
	Survey Respondent		Survey Population	
First Generation Status	N	%	N	%
First Generation	58	16.3%	221	15.3%
Not First Generation	159	44.9%	704	48.8%
Status Unknown	137	38.7%	517	35.8%
Total	354	100.0%	1442	100.0%
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.				

Table 5: Rural Status Demographics - Fall 2023				
	Survey Respondent		Survey Population	
Rural Status	N	%	N	%
Out of State or International	43	12.1%	146	10.1%
Rural	110	31.0%	377	26.1%
Urban	201	56.7%	919	63.7%
Total	354	100.0%	1442	100.0%
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.				

Table 6: What Type of Institution(s) Have You Attended Prior to NC State? (Select All that Apply)

What Type of Institution(s) Have You Attended Prior to NC State? (Select All that Apply)	N	%
2 Year Community College In North Carolina	230	65.0%
2 Year Out of State Community College	26	7.3%
2 Year Technical College In North Carolina	11	3.1%
2 Year Out of State Technical College	3	0.8%
4 Year Public College/University In North Carolina	58	16.4%
4 Year Out of State Public College/University	31	8.8%
4 Year Private College/University In North Carolina	18	5.1%
4 Year Out of State Private College/University	14	4.0%
Other	12	3.4%
Total	403	
<i>Survey respondents</i>		<i>354</i>
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.		
Note 2: 'Select All that Apply' percentages calculated out of the number of total survey respondents.		

Table 7: How Certain Are You of Your Choice of College/Major?		
How Certain Are You of Your Choice of College Major?	N	%
1. Very Uncertain	4	1.1%
2. Uncertain	16	4.5%
3. Certain	162	45.8%
4. Very Certain	171	48.4%
Total	353	100.0%
Mean Rating		3.42
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.		

**Table 8: From The Time You Enter NC State,
How Long do You Intend to Take to Complete Your Bachelor's Degree?**

From The Time You Enter NC State, How Long do You Intend to Complete Your Bachelor's Degree?	N	%
1 year	6	1.6%
2 years	196	55.3%
3 years	120	33.8%
4 years	27	7.6%
More than 4 years	5	1.4%
Do not intend to complete a bachelor's degree at NC State	0	0.0%
Total	354	100.0%

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.

Table 9: Did you participate in any activities during Wolfpack Welcome Week?		
Did you participate in any activities during Wolfpack Welcome Week?	N	%
No	158	44.8%
Yes	194	55.1%
Total	352	100.0%
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.		

Table 10: Overall, how would you rate Wolfpack Welcome Week in assisting you in your transition to NC State?

Overall, how would you rate Wolfpack Welcome Week in assisting you in your transition to NC State?	N	%
1. Poor	1	0.5%
2. Fair	37	19.0%
3. Good	97	50.0%
4. Excellent	59	30.4%
Total	194	100.0%
Mean Rating		3.10
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.		

Table 11: What Did You Gain From Wolfpack Welcome Week? (Select All that Apply.)

What Did You Gain From Wolfpack Welcome Week? (Select All that Apply)	N	%
Fun/Entertainment	161	45.5%
Identified Student Organizations and Activities I Plan to Explore	133	37.6%
Made New Friends	84	23.7%
Understood More About College Life	80	22.6%
Developed a Greater Sense of Community With NC State	78	22.0%
Interacted With Others Who Are Different From Me	74	20.9%
Met University Faculty and Staff	59	16.7%
Gained An Understanding of University Expectations	44	12.4%
Developed a Greater Sense of Community With Smaller Social Groups	35	9.9%
Identified The Skills Needed to Thrive In The Classroom	26	7.3%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	774	
<i>Survey Respondents</i>		<i>354</i>
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.		
Note 2: 'Select All that Apply' percentages are calculated out of the number of total number of survey respondents.		

Table 12: Why did you not attend any activities during Wolfpack Welcome Week? (Select all that apply)		
Why did you not attend any activities during Wolfpack Welcome Week? (Select all that apply)	N	%
Scheduling Conflict	104	29.4%
Events didn't seem interesting	38	10.7%
Other	31	8.8%
Didn't know it was happening	29	8.2%
Total	202	
<i>Survey respondents</i>		<i>354</i>
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place. Note 2: This question was only displayed if the respondent selected 'No' to the question, 'Did you participate in any activities during Wolfpack Welcome Week?'		

Table 13: What Resources/Information Would You Have Liked to See Available In The First Few Weeks/Month of Classes? (Select Your Top 3)

What Resources\Information Would You Have Liked to See Available In The First Few Weeks\Month of Classes? (Select Your Top 3)	N	%
Finding An Internship or Co-op	137	38.7%
Academic Success Skills (e.g., Time Management, Stress Management, Note Taking, Test Taking, etc.)	111	31.4%
Getting Involved at NC State(e.g., student organizations, fraternity or sorority life, music groups, etc.)	101	28.5%
Exploring careers and majors	94	26.6%
Personal Success Opportunities (e.g., Leadership, Professional Development,Service, etc.)	93	26.3%
Academic Support Services (e.g., Tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, etc.)	89	25.1%
Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle As a Student	72	20.3%
Finding a Job at NC State	63	17.8%
Resources about how to use the technology required to be successful academically	40	11.3%
Other	13	3.7%
Total	813	
<i>Survey Respondents</i>		<i>354</i>
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.		
Note 2: 'Select your top 3' percentages are calculated out of the number of total surevy respondents.		

Table 14: What additional activities or events should be offered in the first few weeks/month of classes? (Select your top 3)

What additional activities or events should be offered in the first few weeks\month of classes? (Select your top 3)	N	%
Opportunities to meet other transfer students	216	61.0%
Opportunities to connect with an academic advisor	160	45.2%
Social Events	148	41.8%
Opportunities to connect with the faculty	121	34.2%
Cultural Events	81	22.9%
Discussions about current events	41	11.6%
Other(please describe)	11	3.1%
Total	778	

Survey respondents *354*

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.

Note 2: 'Select Your Top 3' percentages are calculated out of the number of total survey respondents.

Table 15: Would you like to receive an email with links to NC State resources that may be helpful for new students?		
Would you like to receive an email with links to NC State resources that may be helpful for new students?	N	%
Yes	180	55.9%
No	142	44.0%
Total	322	100.0%
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.		

Table 16: How confident are you in your ability to:

How confident are you in your ability to:	Rating				Mean Rating	N
	1. Not at all confident	2. Not very confident	3. Somewhat confident	4. Very confident		
Choose the right major	0	3.2%	40.3%	56.5%	3.53	313
Connect with other individuals at NC State	6.4%	19.2%	42.9%	31.4%	2.99	312
Contact an instructor (e.g., to ask for help or clarification of course concepts after class, attending office hours, etc.)	1.3%	3.5%	26.5%	68.7%	3.63	313
Cope with stress by identifying and implementing healthy stress relief strategies	4.1%	15.9%	51.1%	28.9%	3.05	315
Effectively manage your time (i.e., balance work, class, social life)	4.8%	16.5%	47.9%	30.8%	3.05	315
Find your way around campus	1.9%	7.0%	47.3%	43.8%	3.33	315
Graduate on time	0.3%	10.2%	46.0%	43.5%	3.33	313
Identify a group at NC State that supports an identity important to you (e.g., ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation)	4.5%	12.5%	38.3%	44.7%	3.23	313
Identify academic advising support	1.3%	9.6%	40.8%	48.4%	3.36	314
Identify at least one NC State resource for personal/ psychological/ health support	2.9%	13.7%	41.3%	42.2%	3.23	315
Identify at least one activity or group at NC State in which you might like to get involved	2.2%	10.2%	32.8%	54.8%	3.40	314
Identify resources to assist in meeting my basic needs if necessary (e.g., food, housing, financial, and educational security)	2.2%	15.2%	45.4%	37.1%	3.17	315
Identify tutoring support	4.8%	21.0%	42.2%	32.1%	3.02	315
Relieve or reduce homesickness	0.6%	11.2%	29.1%	59.1%	3.47	313
Secure personal information and data on devices and online accounts	1.0%	10.8%	43.3%	44.9%	3.32	314
Use online course management systems (e.g., Moodle, WebAssign)	1.3%	7.0%	34.7%	57.0%	3.47	314
Use the Navigate Student app	8.0%	23.1%	36.9%	32.1%	2.93	312
Utilize MyPack Portal	0.3%	4.8%	36.0%	58.9%	3.54	314
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.						

Table 17: To what extent have you done each of the following during your time thus far at NC State?

To what extent have you done each of the following during your time thus far at NC State?	Rating				Mean Rating	N
	1. Not at all	2. A little	3. Some	4. A great extent		
Connected with a faculty member outside of class	27.4%	28.3%	32.6%	11.7%	2.29	307
Connected with a staff member (e.g., student organization advisor, career counselor, residence hall staff, etc.)	30.6%	30.3%	23.4%	15.8%	2.24	304
Connected with upper-level students to learn about NC State and activities (e.g., RA, village mentor, student organization members, etc.)	37.3%	29.7%	20.6%	12.4%	2.08	306
Connected with your academic advisor	10.3%	27.2%	38.7%	23.8%	2.76	302
Considered what you have been learning in your classes valuable	2.6%	9.8%	40.8%	46.7%	3.32	306
Gotten involved in NC State activities (e.g., joined an organization, participated in fitness classes, etc.)	24.6%	19.0%	33.4%	23.0%	2.55	305
Made friends with other students	12.4%	30.9%	34.5%	22.1%	2.66	307
Participated in career planning activities (e.g., utilized career center services, explored career-related majors, explored internships or co-ops, created a resume, attended a career fair, etc.)	24.2%	24.8%	28.8%	22.2%	2.49	306
Sought out assistance with your academic work, if it was needed	16.3%	21.6%	40.5%	21.6%	2.67	306
Thought about or planned for your spring course schedule	4.3%	13.8%	35.1%	46.9%	3.25	305
Used Wellness and Recreation facilities, programs and services (e.g., group fitness classes, wellness coaching, intramural sports trivia and games, group fitness classes, outdoor adventures trips and resources)	39.6%	17.2%	22.4%	20.8%	2.24	303
Used the Libraries' resources and services (e.g., spaces, websites, books, articles, online help/workshops, etc.)	21.2%	20.3%	32.7%	25.8%	2.63	306
Used the university calendar to find engagement activities	21.6%	21.0%	35.7%	21.6%	2.57	305
Used tutorial services at NC State	56.3%	13.2%	18.4%	12.2%	1.87	304
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.						

**Table 18: You noted that you have made friends with other students during your time thus far at NC State.
What is the primary way you have connected with other students?**

What is the primary way you have connected with other students?	N	%
Residence Hall	23	8.5%
NC State Events	25	9.2%
Classes	144	53.5%
Student Organizations	54	20.0%
Other	23	8.5%
Total	269	100.0%

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.

Note 2: This question is only displayed if the respondent did not select 'Not at all' to the question:
'To what extent have you 'Made Friends' during your time thus far at NC State?'

Table 19: As a result of participating in services and programs outside of class:

As a result of participating in services and programs outside of class:	Rating				Mean Rating	N
	1. Strongly Disagree	2. Disagree	3. Agree	4. Strongly Agree		
I am more excited about being at NC State	2.3%	9.3%	62.3%	26.2%	3.12	302
I made connections with faculty/staff	3.6%	8.3%	55.1%	33.0%	3.17	303
I made connections with other students	7.0%	32.1%	48.0%	12.9%	2.67	302

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.

Table 20: Since the beginning of the semester, how often have you felt:

Since the beginning of the semester, how often have you felt:	Rating					Mean Rating	N
	1. Never	2. Once in a while	3. Sometimes	4. Often	5. Constantly		
Encouraged	0.3%	8.9%	29.5%	42.6%	18.7%	3.70	305
Capable	1.0%	9.9%	25.1%	43.9%	20.1%	3.72	303
Supported	1.7%	9.9%	24.1%	40.6%	23.8%	3.75	303
Respected	1.3%	4.9%	21.7%	40.1%	31.9%	3.96	304
Optimistic	2.0%	7.9%	26.3%	41.8%	22.0%	3.74	304
Lonely/Isolated	12.2%	28.4%	33.7%	18.2%	7.6%	2.81	303
Depressed	36.4%	22.2%	23.5%	13.6%	4.3%	2.27	302
Overwhelmed	10.2%	18.4%	33.2%	26.3%	11.8%	3.11	304
Highly Anxious	17.8%	21.5%	27.1%	22.1%	11.6%	2.88	303
Very distressed	36.5%	22.7%	24.0%	11.2%	5.6%	2.27	304
Homesick	49.2%	24.1%	17.8%	5.9%	3.0%	1.89	303
Academically underprepared	24.7%	34.2%	27.6%	8.9%	4.6%	2.35	304
That your major is not right for you	53.0%	27.3%	10.9%	4.9%	3.9%	1.80	304
That NC State is not a good fit for you	64.5%	19.1%	10.9%	3.9%	1.6%	1.59	304

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.

Table 21: What is the primary source of stress for you this semester?

What is the primary source of stress for you this semester?	N	%
Academics	173	57.0%
Finances	47	15.5%
Interpersonal relationship issues with family, friends, or partner	13	4.2%
Mental health concerns	22	7.2%
Other	19	6.2%
Physical health concerns	4	1.3%
I do not currently have a primary source of stress	14	4.6%
Racial trauma - the cumulative effects of racism on a person's physical and mental health	0	0.0%
I am not experiencing stress at this time	11	3.6%
Total	303	100.0%
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.		

Table 22: About how many scheduled class meeting times have you missed this semester (total for all classes combined)?

About how many scheduled class meeting times have you missed this semester (total for all classes combined)?	N	%
0	75	24.5%
1-2	133	43.4%
3-5	74	24.1%
6+	24	7.8%
Total	306	100.0%

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.

Table 23: For which of the following reasons have you missed scheduled class meeting times? (Select all that apply.)

For which of the following reasons have you missed scheduled class meeting times? (Select all that apply)	N	%
Personal physical health reasons	94	26.6%
Personal mental/psychological health reasons	68	19.2%
Overslept/lack of sleep	67	18.9%
To finish other academic work	58	16.4%
Personal or family issue	44	12.4%
Attendance does not influence my grade	38	10.7%
Transportation/parking problems	37	10.5%
Travel	32	9.0%
Just didn't feel like going	29	8.2%
Other	23	6.5%
Career-related event (career fair, job interview, info session)	21	5.9%
Confusion about day or time	20	5.6%
Technical difficulties (e.g., internet connection, hardware problems, etc.)	9	2.5%
Required event for your college/class	8	2.3%
To participate in a student club/organization	8	2.3%
I don't like the class	2	0.6%
Total	558	
<i>Survey respondents</i>		<i>354</i>
<p>Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place. Note 2: 'Select All that Apply' percentages are calculated out of the number of survey respondents. Note 3: This question was only displayed if the respondent did not select '0' to the question: 'About how many scheduled class meeting times have you missed this semester?'</p>		

Table 24: Are you registered to vote in the United States?		
Are you registered to vote in the United States?	N	%
Yes	247	81.5%
No	20	6.6%
Not Sure	17	5.6%
I'm not eligible to vote in the United States	19	6.2%
Total	303	100.0%
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.		

Table 25: Do you feel like you have the information you need to participate in the election process?			
	Rating		
Do you feel like you have the information you need to participate in the election process?	No	Yes	N
How to request an absentee ballot	43.1%	56.9%	283
How to find your polling place	33.9%	66.1%	283
Information about candidates	30.4%	69.6%	283
How to register to vote *	51.3%	48.7%	39
<p>Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place. Note 2*: This response was only displayed if the respondent reported they are eligible to vote in the U.S. and if they responded 'No' or 'Not Sure' to the question: 'Are you registered to vote in the United States?'</p>			

Table 26: How important is it to you that you experience a sense of belonging or community in each of the following settings at NC State?

How important is it to you that you experience a sense of belonging or community in each of the following settings at NC State?	Rating				Mean Rating	N
	1. Not at all important	2. Slightly important	3. Moderately important	4. Very important		
In formal organizations (e.g., student organizations, athletic groups)	6.8%	16.3%	38.1%	38.8%	3.09	294
In small groups (e.g., with friends)	3.4%	6.5%	22.3%	67.7%	3.54	291
In your academic college or major	1.0%	7.8%	32.1%	59.0%	3.49	293
In your residence hall	4.4%	19.8%	37.4%	38.5%	3.10	91
In your village	4.3%	23.4%	34.0%	38.3%	3.06	47
With NC State overall	1.7%	11.8%	38.9%	47.6%	3.32	296

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.

Note 2: 'In your residence hall' is only displayed if the respondent resides in University Housing.

Note 3: 'In your village' is only displayed if the respondent resides in a Living and Learning Village.

Table 27: To what extent do you actually experience a sense of belonging or community in each of the following at NC State?

To what extent do you actually experience a sense of belonging or community in each of the following at NC State?	Rating				Mean Rating	N
	1. Not at all	2. A little	3. Some	4. A great extent		
In formal organizations (e.g., student organizations, athletic groups)	20.7%	23.8%	36.1%	19.4%	2.54	294
In small groups (e.g., with friends)	13.0%	13.3%	34.5%	39.2%	3.00	293
In your academic college or major	10.2%	19.8%	38.6%	31.4%	2.91	293
In your residence hall	15.4%	15.4%	42.9%	26.4%	2.80	91
In your village	10.4%	18.8%	39.6%	31.3%	2.92	48
With NC State overall	10.2%	22.1%	43.2%	24.5%	2.82	294

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.

Note 2: 'In your residence hall' is only displayed if the respondent resides in University Housing.

Note 3: 'In your village' is only displayed if the respondent resides in a Living and Learning Village.

Table 28: How well does each of the following statements represent how you feel about the NC State community?

How well does each of the following statements represent how you feel about the NC State community?	Rating				Mean Rating	N
	1. Not at all	2. Somewhat	3. Mostly	4. Completely		
Being a member of this community is part of my identity.	3.8%	20.8%	40.1%	35.3%	3.07	289
I expect to be a part of this community for a long time.	3.8%	29.1%	45.3%	21.8%	2.85	289
I feel hopeful about the future of this community.	4.5%	24.0%	42.7%	28.8%	2.96	288
I get important needs of mine met because I am part of this community.	6.9%	30.0%	42.4%	20.7%	2.77	290
This community has been successful in getting the needs of its members met.	9.0%	27.2%	39.0%	24.8%	2.80	290
When I have a problem, I can talk about it with members of this community	8.6%	23.8%	35.5%	32.1%	2.91	290

Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place.

Table 29: What is your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply)		
What is your race /ethnicity? (Select all that apply)	N	%
African American or Black	17	4.8%
Native American, American Indian or Alaska Native	4	1.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	36	10.2%
Hispanic or Latino	39	11.0%
White or Caucasian	199	56.2%
I prefer not to answer	12	3.4%
Other (Please describe)	10	2.8%
Total	317	
<i>Survey respondents</i>		<i>354</i>
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place. Note 2: Respondents were able to write in a different term that reflects their identity. Note 3: 'Select all that apply' percentages are calculated out of the total number of survey respondents.		

Table 30: How do you identify in terms of your gender? (Select all that apply)

How do you identify in terms of your gender? (Select all that apply)	N	%
Man	109	30.8%
Woman	161	45.5%
Cisgender	17	4.8%
Transgender	5	1.4%
Agender	0	0.0%
Gender fluid	4	1.1%
Genderqueer	1	0.3%
Non-binary	4	1.1%
Two-spirit	0	0.0%
Uncertain or questioning	5	1.4%
Prefer not to answer	10	2.8%
I identify using a different term (please specify)	2	0.6%
Total	318	
<i>Survey respondents</i>		<i>354</i>
<p>Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place. Note 2: 'Select All that Apply' percentages are calculated out of the total number of survey respondents. Note 3: Respondents were able to write in a different term that reflects their identity.</p>		

Table 31: How do you identify in terms of your sexuality? (Select all that apply)		
How do you identify in terms of your sexuality? (Select all that apply)	N	%
Heterosexual or straight	209	59.0%
Gay	9	2.5%
Lesbian	4	1.1%
Bisexual	35	9.9%
Asexual	5	1.4%
I identify using a different term (please specify)	3	0.8%
Prefer not to answer	15	4.2%
Uncertain or questioning	3	0.8%
Pansexual	11	3.1%
Total	294	
<i>Survey respondents</i>		<i>354</i>
Note 1: Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place. Note 2: 'Select All that Apply' percentages are calculated out of the total number of survey respondents. Note 3: Respondents were able to write in a different term that reflects their identity.		